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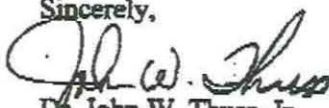
Mr. Chairman:

Many citizens living in rural locations are facing a huge challenge: they cannot receive internet access; some because of cost and some because there are no wireless providers in their areas, and wireless internet is the only way they can connect.

These citizens should not be denied the ability to connect to the internet simply because they live too far out or because a provider has not expanded to their location. Similarly, citizens should not be denied access because they cannot afford it. Those who cannot afford the Internet will greatly benefit from it. Our goal should be to help those without resources succeed and move forward in their careers and their economic standing. If we help those who want to help themselves but can't, we will be adding tremendously to our economy and standard of living.

This truly is a win-win situation. I urge you to help bring free, wireless broadband internet access to those citizens in rural locations and to those citizens who will most certainly and genuinely appreciate and succeed when given the resources and opportunity.

Sincerely,


Dr. John W. Thuss, Jr.
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